BOODLE AND GRAFT FIGHT DESPERATELY TO PREVENT ELECTION OF JOSEPH W. FOLK



A Reformer Who Reforms Likely to Be Missouri's Next Governor.

Man Who Attacked Party Machine and Forced It to the Wall.

NLESS every indication upon which a reasonable prediction can be based is in error, the next gov ornor of Missouri will be the Hon. loseph W. Folk, the present circuit atthe past eighteen months by his untiring efforts to relieve the Mound City of its

boodlers and grafters in public office. Two years ago this future governor, now scarce forty years of age, was not only a stranger to the country, but scarce anyone in Missouri outside of St. ouis knew him. Today the mere men tion of his name in any of the remote counties of the State arouses the wildest rule and corruption, and intend to bring about reform not by going over to the opposition party and installing in ofa Republican Administration, but by doing a job of political house-clean-

ing, by reforming their own party. To lead in this movement they have selected the Hon. Joseph W. Folk wholly upon the record which he has made during the past two years in St. Louis. Folk occupies much the same position to the Democratic party in Missouri that the late Samuel J. Tilden did to the Democracy of New York a generation ago, and the same sort of success is for two years.

Folk was born in Tennessee of a long line of Democratic ancestry. His brother is now treasurer of that State and a candidate for re-election. Ten years ago, after graduating at law, Mr. Folk left Tennessee and went to St. Louis, quite unknown, and began the practice of his profession. He joined the Jefferson Club, the leading political organization of Missouri, and in a short time was elected as its presid was a recognition of his standing and an evidence of the popularity which he had gained, for the club embraces some leading men of St. Louis.

In 1900 there occurred the great street railroad strike in that city, accompan-ied by assaults, destruction of property, and great inconvenience to the public. continuing for many weeks. Folk, purely for philanthropic motives, took a prominent part in the efforts made to bring about a settlement between the traction companies and their employes. He was in a large measure successful, and thereby gained the favor of the great body of laboring men of that city; at the same time he incurred none of the enmity of the employers.

The Butler Machine.

The Butler machine, which has long controlled the Democracy of St. Louis and to a large extent matters at Jefferson City, the capital, was extremely desirous in that year to win the te, and believing that Folk would be able to draw a large proportion of it. proffered him the nomination of circuit

Folk had never been identified with office, furthermore he was not espe-cially anxious to go upon the ticket. He was finally induced to accept the nomination, however, but unconditionally; he made it plain to the machine managers that if elected he would run the office, do his duty, and not permit of dietation. With this understanding his name was placed upon the ticket, and he was elected. The machine man-agers believed themselves so firmly in-trenched that no harm could come to them or their organization.

Waited Two Years.

It was two years before Folk found an sylvania is that of Complanter, a opportunity to begin his campaign famous old chief and medicine man of against corruption. The story of his fight against the boodlers in the city council has been repeatedly told. Some of them fied for foreign parts, and are still at large, others were brought into court and tried (seventeen in all), and completely the large court and tried (seventeen in all), and the fact that they are not now wearing stripes and working for the State in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the state in the penitentiary is not due to lack of the state in the st the penitentiary is not due to lack of vigilance and perseverance on the part of Circuit Attorney Folk, but rather to a technicality in the law as construed by one of the men who is making a hopeless attempt to defeat Folk for the Democratic nomination for governor—Judge Gantt. of the State supreme court.

of "de Nint"." If he said there should be war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the supre war paint that could be collected; if he said peace there was war paint that could be collected; if he said peace there was war, and the river banks were searched for the supreme that the paint is of the said there should be war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the surf there was war, and the river banks were searched for the subtrlest has so of war paint that could be collected; if he said peace there was war, and the river banks were searched for the sultriest has so of war paint that could be collected; if he said peace there was war, and the river banks were searched for the sultriest has so of war paint that could be collected; if he said peace there was war, and the river banks were searched for the sultriest has so of war paint that could be collected; if he said peace there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war, and the river banks were searched for the war there was war and the war there was war and the war there was war and the war there was wa



HON. JOSEPH W. FOLK,

torney of St. Louis, and the man who has won a national reputation within ness, with the result that the more they

for governor, when, in such an event, the Republicans gave assurances of their indorsement. That plan has failed because the reform element in the Democratic party proved stronger than the Republicans thought it would be, the

licans talked of indorsing the nomina-tion of Folk on an independent Democratic ticket, the anti-Folkites have been charging that he was not a genuine Democrat; that he wore his De-mocracy loosely. They have also charged tion, and against whom a third contest is pending

Son of the Machine

Butler is the son of Col. Ed Butler, the "boss" of the St. Louis machine, which Folk has been fighting. Folk thought and said that he could not be consistent he was seeking to break. So he scratched the name of Butler from his ticket

SENATOR QUAY OF

INDIAN DESCENT

HERE are very few of even those

who are well informed on poli-

tics and politicians, who have

heard that Senator Matthew

Stanley Quay has a strong strain of Indian blood in his veins, yet such is

the fact. If one will watch the "Con-

gressional Record" carefully during any

ession of Congress he will notice that

Senator Quay takes a lively interest

in Indian affairs and that he introduces

many petitions and bills relative to the

interests of the red man. Only last

of the Butler machine in St. Louis, and as such will receive the votes of 110 of the 121 delegates from St. Louis to the State convention, which meets on July 19 at Jefferson City.

Folk in Convention.

A Crafty Game.

gates, the supporters of Reed, Gannt, and Hawes have gotten together and decided which of these three was the strongest to run against Folk. In some cases it was Reed in other some cases it was Reed, in others Hawes, and still others Gantt, but whichever one it was they combined upon him, and all the opposition to tay: "as a lawyer, and not as a pollupon him, and all the opposition to tay: "as a lawyer, and not as a pollupon him, and all the opposition to tay: "as a lawyer, and not as a pollupon him.

tronger.

The attitude of Governor Dockery in the contest has been one of much sur-prise to his friends. Under the consti-was the expression, simply, of the charkeeping out of the fight or throwing his moral influence to the reform electron to the party, he has permitted honor as closely and as jealously as he mand for the nomination of Folk for lowers, and has really, it is said, the use of his administration to fight governor. The machines, both State strengthened him. In the field against Folk for the record is clean, neither is there any seDemocratic nomination there are three rious charge of corruption in any act

of whom the ma- of his administration, but because, at have attacked him the greater has been the response from the people and the more insistent has been the demand that he should be the candidate.

Republicans Hoped to Win.

At first the Republicans sought to profit by the division in the ranks of Democracy, by the antagonism between the response from the people and the should be the candidate.

At first the Republicans sought to profit by the division in the ranks of Democracy, by the antagonism between the response from the people and the could defeat Folk. They are Mayor Reed of Kansas City, Judge Gantt of the State supreme court, and Harry B. Hawes, ex-police commissioner of St. Louis machine as to be open to the Democracy, by the antagonism between the response from the people and the could defeat Folk. They are Mayor Reed of Kansas City, Judge Gantt of the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the subjected to reproach. The boodling in the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the subjected to reproach. The boodling in the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the subjected to reproach. The boodling in the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the subjected to reproach. The boodling in the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the subjected to reproach. The boodling in the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the subjected to reproach. The boodling in the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the subjected to reproach. The boodling in the State Legislature has been committed by a ring in which members of the subjected to reproach. The boodling in the State Legislature has been c counties of the State arouses the wildest Democracy, by the antagonism between charge of corruption. Mayor Reed is prosecute this ring, he is now conenthusiasm in the ranks of what the the machine and the anti-machine Democracy, by the antagonism between popular in Kansas City, and has made demned, and will leave the statehouse Hon. Champ Clark calls the "wool hat and one gallus brigade," and it is these same Missouri farmers who purpose to make Folk the chief executive of the State and nominate a machine man for governor in the firm belief that if this which released the boodlers convicted criticism of the great mass of his the candidacy of any man whose very

Political House Cleaning.

been in power in Missouri, having redeemed it from a condition of political unseated by the House because of frauds committed in connection with his election, and against whom a third contest of the remaining countries that with Folk at the head of the remaining countries that with Folk at the head of the erstwhile Democratic leader of New the ticket. Missouri will be carried by ties yet to vote, Manager Vandiver as- the ticket, Missouri will be carried by serts that nearly, if not quite, 90 per the Democrats this year, certainly by cent will be for his candidate. The 75,000, and perhaps by 100,000 or more. sentiment is strongest in the They contend that where Folk loses rock-ribbed Democratic counties, those one Democratic machine vote, he will beyond the influence of the party ma- gain at least three Republican votes. In chine. There the farmers have with great enthusiasm rallied to the support of Folk. nated, as seems most probable, do not joining with the reform Democrats for and did not vote for any Congressional candidate. He has boldly admitted the charge that he did not vote for Butler, but instead of doing him injury that action has been applauded by his fol-

WASHINGTON'S TALENTED BLIND; THEIR REMARKABLE ATTAINMENTS

(Continued from Fifth Page.)

and was fortunate in obtaining hearty tend. sympathy and the co-operation of the

week he introduced petitions from Choctaw, Cherokee and Delaware Indians, District Commissoners. I established at my own expense, an exhibition workshop, and brought blind people here questions and others with the question from Hartford temporarily The Indian blood that flows in the what could be accomplished. It was not reins of the senior Senator from Pennmy endeavor to establish a home for indigent blind, but to provide employment for them and thus make them self-supporting. Senator Hawley, Justice Brewer, Bishop Satterlee, and other well-known Washingtonians orappropriating \$5,000 directly to the coration. We purchased the property 1898 H Street northwest, where the institute has since struggled on, devel-oring an entirely new industry for the blind, which has attracted the attention of the authorities of New York.

Judge Gantt. of the State supreme court.

If Folk has not succeeded in lodging the boodlers behind the bars, he has won in his fight to clean out the city council and put a stop to corruption. Ever since Folk started his reform movement, followed as it was by the disclosures of rottenness in the State Legislature, there has been a growing de-

adults were to be found in the principal thoroughfares of Washington, appealing in various ways for alms. No cipal thoroughfares of Washington, appealing in various ways for alms. No work, and as the representative of the American jurists. provision had been made to give these Congressional Library, she attended the persons any chance to become self-sup- last session of the International Society corsing and the public was to be ex-consed for its erroneous opinion that of the Blind, which was held in Brusblindness entailed hopeless dependence gels. in 1902. The next session will be and was usually a cause for mendicancy. held in Cairo, Egypt, either in 1905 or well-being of the American Common- at any rate, that Hill himself endeavile, unostentatious man be really is: "I endeavored to change conditions, 1906, and this Miss Giffen will also at-

STUDENTS TESTED SMALLPOX. Toronto have, in the interest of science, ber of his brothers and sisters ganized a corporation and at the next session of Congress, a bill was passed mission from the board of health for and hard work in the fields and forests of affection. Those who know the facts final-year medical students to attend of the Parker farm formed his early clinics in the contagious disease hos-pital, and when a recent case of smallpox was taken to the hospital sixty tributed largely, perhaps, to the distin-students attended the clinic, a few at guished success in life he has since time. Before being admitted all of achieved. them were vaccinated, and Dr. Sheard, Massachusetts, and Michigan, who have city health superintendent, personally sent commissioners here to investigate saw that the vaccination had taken

THE FARMER-JUDGE WHO MAY LEAD THE DEMOCRATIC CLANS

The Man Parker, Whose Quiet Tastes Mark the Simple American.

The Political Candidate Who Has Never Suffered Defeat.

OMETHING less than a year ago there came to Georgia, in response to an invitation from its as association, a simple, unpretentious man, learned in the law, who gave to the lawyers of the State, assembled near the stately beauties of Talluiah Falls, his views upon one of the question that seemed to them of largest impo tance. At the time the air reverberat with his name, that of Judge Alton E Parker, of New York, but he studiously avoided all references to the Presidency and to his ambitions.

From the time he entered the State until he left, he was besieged by news-paper men, all with the one question

Folk voted that ticket. Still Folk has cate for me to express myself on politiaimost invariably won three to two and cal questions. I trust you will excuse often two to one. In every county there me, and that you will simply say, as the has been a Folk ticket fighting the combined opposition. As the campaign progresses the Folk sentiment grows stronger.

"Method that you will samply say, as the truth will warrant, that I am in love with the South and with the men and women who have shown me her glowing and glorious hospitality."

Like the Man.

tution of Missouri a governor is not acter of the man, the manifestation of eligible to re-election, but instead of the rule he has laid down for himself honor as closely and as jealously as he does his personal honor, and he would do nothing that would cast a stain upon either. Judge Parker believes the er mine has been intrusted to him in spot

mocracy of that part of the country, the other day. "We want to win, and could be done the independent anti- by Folk. Hawes is a wealthy man, whose party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of any man whose very party and the people of the State genthe candidacy of the state gen name is the signal for strenuous opposition within our cwn ranks. We want a man upon whom all of us can unite, and which be was elected in 1877. In the ofsition within our cwn ranks. We want a who stands a reasonable chance of lead-For a generation the Democrats have ing the party to success at the polls.

A Political Moses. Republicans thought it would be, the machine has lost its control, and popular sentiment in the party is to name Folk, disrupt the machine and whip its followers into line for the very man they have been so strenuously fighting for two years.

Folk in Convention.

Folk in Conventio "The South sees such a man in Judge number, if, indeed, the three other candidates, when they realize the hope-lessness of their opposition, do not withdraw and permit Folk to be aemed by acelamation. Folk's campaign is under the management of Representative Vandiver, who for several weeks has been in Missouri looking after the interests of the circuit attorney.

He is confident that nothing can now happen to stem the tide now sweepings. against him the fact that he refused to support the Democratic nominee for compension his district in the last campaign. Folk does not deny the charge, for the candidate was Representative James J. Butler, who has twice been jumes to get the folk counting against him the fact that he refused to support the Democrate nominee for confident that nothing can now happen to stem the tide now sweeping on the bench in the Empire State, has on the Empire State, has no the time for the time fact that he refused to support the Democrates purpose to do their own house cleaning, on the bench in the Empire State, has no the time find that there. Instead, the Democracy is too strong for that there. Instead, the Democrates pied revor and interest. He worked that there is confident that nothing can now happen to stem the tide now sweeping on the bench in the Empire State, has the consuming devotion all the time that there. Instead, the Democracy is too strong for that there. Instead, the Democrates purpose to do their own house cleaning, on the candidate in the time that there is confident that nothing can now happen to stem the tide now sweeping on the delegates have they intend to smash the machine, but to smash the machine, but the time that there is confident that nothing can now that there is confident that nothing can now that the find the time that there is confident that nothing can now that the person the time that there is confident that nothing can now that the find a daughter. The works is confident that nothing can now that the find the time that the time that the find the find that the find the find the find that the find the find that t

York, David B. Hill; but Alton B. Parker has never taken part in any of the factional controversies that have lost to the Democratic party the control of the thirty-eight electoral votes

Judge Parker has never been a figure conspicuous in the State conventions of the Democratic party of New York, but has name has always been, for more than a dozen years, an honored one whenever assemblages of his party con-

Thoroughly American.

"I do not know of a man on the bench American idea of a judge as Parker,' said a New York lawyer, the other day. When he leaves the court of appeals to his farm home, either at Esopus, one of his other farms, at Cortland or

This Democratic candidate comes of New York was elected by the Demogood, old American stock. His ancestors cratic party Parker could have had the fought in the war of independence, and place instead of Hill and that it was wealth. The Parker of the old time ored to cast the Senatorial toga about of the pavilion, and she returns their affections.

"My dear blind people," she calls them.

"We all love her so," is what they say of Miss Giffen.

"In additional properties to gratify to the pavilion of them have found it possible to gratify. fought as a private in the ranks of Judge Parker's shoulders.

Born on a farm, it was among sur roundings such as these that Alton B. Sixty students of the University of Parker spent his early days. The numbeen deliberately exposed to smallpox. played its part in increasing the diffi-

Could Not Reach Cornell.

The ambitions of the future chief sent commissioners here to investigate the work.

"Our blind people are now engaged in typesetting by machinery, they feed power presses, fold and bind pamphlets and newspapers. We publish a monthly magazine in the interests of our work, we do various kinds of job printing, and are turning out with considerable pride a twenty-four-page weekly paper, printed, folded, and bound by the blind."

Miss Giffen's interest in her work has



which be was elected in 1877. In the office he served a second term. His entrance into politics, according to an investigator, was due to the influence of
his old master in the law, Judge Schoonmake, who had been retired by selfseeing politiclans. By taking up the
campaign of Schoonmaker in Ulster
toounty, Parker became one of the favorits of Samuel J. Tilden, and in 1885
was chairman of the State executive
committee of New York's Democracy.
This was when David B. Hill was electted governor. Hill was the governor who

committee of New York's Democracy.
This was when David B. Hill was elected governor. Hill was the governor who appointed Parker to the supreme court.

Little later the judge took his visitor to the stables. He is a modest man. He does not maintain an array color but

Schoonmaker.

"I have been happy enough that I have been able to serve you," said Par-

ker, and here the incident ended.

Youngest on Bench.

on the bench when he was nominated by the Democrats of the State to succeed himself. At this time he was thirty-three years old. The Republicans did not deem it fit to nominate anyone in opposition and the Democratic nominee on the supreme court bench until he precursor of the business day. Wintoday who so thoroughly typifies the was elected chief judge of the court of American idea of a judge as Parker," appeals in 1897, by about 65,000 plurality. The bitter opponents of Judge Parker make much capital of his friendship

cases with ex-Senator Hill and of the supposed domination of Parker under the which fronts the Hudson River, or to Hill influence. The facts of the matter seem to be all the other way; Hill is tell the story that when a Senator from

McKinley and Hanna.

A decade ago the lamented McKinley was said to be completely under the demination of Mark Hanna. Cartoonists everywhere pictured the President as the pliant tool of the magnate of money and machine politics. It was only when time had arranged a broader perspective that it was perceived that McKinley and not Hanna was the domi-nating force in that unique partnership about the men say that when time has been given its opportunity it will regis-ter a similar verdict about Hill and Par-in the next election.

It is to the village of Esopus that he Mr. Bryan to goes to seek seclusion, on the farm that he calls Rosemont, which fronts the Hudson. The place is about sixty miles below the judge's workshop at Alb At Rosemont Judge Parker lives the lif of a sturdy farmer. His house, a mod-est frame structure, stands upon the stone foundations of a Dutch colonial residence. Here he cares for his sheep, cattle and pigs; here he divests himself of the judicial ermine and puts on the garb of the farmer.

His Personal Tastes.

Personally Judge Parker is one of the est informed and most practical farm- The Bystar

Judge Parker is no experimental farmer, serving a prolonged novitiate at "It is due to you, my boy," said Judge the sacrifice of money and time. The occupation was that in which his forefathers have been engaged for genera-tions and in which he spent his earlier years. He both loves and understands it, and his three farms are not only his most cherished possessions, but a regu-Parker was one of the youngest men lar source of income. They are made on the bench when he was nominated by to pay, and it is the judge's patient and continued attention, through every season of the year, that makes this re-

sult possible. He is a man of simple tastes, rising early each morning and beginning the two-hour ride that is the invariable ter or summer, rain or shine, city or country, nothing is permitted to interfere with this exercise, which inclination and habit have combined to give the dignity of a function. Judge Parker takes his ride just as he bathes and shaves, and would no more think of overlooking it.

Home at Esopus.

His home at Esopus is much like that the fireplace, the long table in the ing room, the books and music that are everywhere about, all show evidences of tastes that were not developthe mask of reserve falls in the presence of the wife and mother abo the home is builded. Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, and the other old masters have for him a fascination he does not try to conceal; they are for sistent and loving friends and he would not for a single moment surrender

Down at the Capitol, where, regardless of lawmaking, politics rules, one finds the true sentiment about Parker and his opponents. Parker has never suffered a defeat; he has been victorious when Democracy's banners have been trailed in the dust; he is being looked up to as the leader of the party

"We want melther Mr. Cleveland nor fight," said rather & a Southern man who er he party ments of Der

WOMAN'S PICKES IN PELAND. Feminism expected pl and "100man's right ity of the sexes have as dem-